

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 34-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A DONATION TO THE FOREST HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF (1) COMFORT/THERAPY LABRADOR RETRIEVER
K-9 FROM HUMANE RESCUE ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON DC**

Introduced by: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights Police Department wants to add a comfort/therapy dog to its Community Action Team program; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police finds it necessary to add a comfort/therapy K9 to provide stress relief and affection to people dealing with anxiety, depression, trauma, or mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the K-9 will undergo basic obedience training and comfort dog training in the next 6 months, and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the K9 will ensure that more officers have an option at their disposal when engaging with anxiety, depression, trauma, or mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Sheriff's Office has invited the Forest Heights Police Department to participate in their K9 obedience at no cost; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Heights Police K9 handlers has evaluated the K9 (Labrador Retriever) and has deemed it fit for such purposes;

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined that with the additional K9 the Police Department will still be able to stay in the prescribe approve budget;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to accept (1) comfort/therapy Labrador Retriever K-9 from Humane Rescue Alliance of Washington DC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 21st day of July 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

BROWNSON

NOBLE

Absent
Yea
Yea

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ATTEST:

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Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

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Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 21 day of July 2021 with 6 Aye votes and 1 Nay vote the aforesaid Resolution 34-21 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

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